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Farm Labor

There were 1,186,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2011, down 5 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 836,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 350,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.90 per hour during the July 2011 reference week, up 11 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.24 per hour, up 15 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.28 per hour compared with \$10.15 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.25 per hour, was up 14 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.3 for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago. The Pacific Region (Oregon and Washington) accounted for a little more than 13 percent of workers hired directly by farm operators. Farm operators within the region paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.28 per hour, up one cent from last year and 38 cents higher than the U.S. average. Pacific region field workers received an average of \$10.82 per hour, up 17 cents from last July. Livestock workers average wage of \$10.56 per hour is down \$1.33 from last year. The number of hours worked per week by Pacific region hired workers was 42.5, which is the same as last year, but 1.2 hours more than the U.S. average.

Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States
Weeks of July, 2010 and July 10-16, 2011¹

United States and region		Hired workers				Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers
		Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock	
			150 days or more	149 days or less					
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per week</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>
Pacific ²	2010	120	65	55	42.5	10.65	11.89	10.75	11.27
	2011	111	56	55	42.5	10.82	10.56	10.80	11.28
Mountain I ³	2010	27	19	8	42.3	9.95	9.39	9.70	10.32
	2011	28	21	7	44.5	10.18	9.91	10.05	10.25
California	2010	200	164	36	43.4	10.10	11.10	10.23	11.12
	2011	179	145	34	44.7	10.00	10.80	10.10	10.80
United States ⁴	2010	885	627	258	40.7	10.09	10.15	10.11	10.79
	2011	836	606	230	41.3	10.24	10.28	10.25	10.90

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² Includes Oregon and Washington.

³ Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

⁴ Excludes Alaska.

Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		Aug 2010	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Aug 2010	Jul 2011	Aug 2011
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Field crops							
Wheat, all	Bu	6.25	6.69	6.88	5.44	7.10	7.56
Wheat, winter	Bu	6.16	6.62	6.80	5.47	6.77	7.26
Wheat, spring	Bu	6.64	7.21	7.30	5.47	8.41	8.02
Barley	Bu	3.08	4.37	4.80	3.69	5.07	5.21
Oats	Bu	*	*	*	2.09	3.35	3.33
Hay, all (baled) ¹	Tons	156.00	236.00	225.00	110.00	170.00	172.00
Hay, alfalfa (baled) ¹	Tons	140.00	226.00	226.00	118.00	189.00	191.00
Hay, other (baled) ¹	Tons	171.00	258.00	224.00	95.10	119.00	127.00
Potatoes	Cwt	6.05	9.80	8.95	7.78	14.19	11.06
Vegetables and fruits ²							
Onions, fresh ³	Cwt	-	-	-	13.10	18.90	14.40
Sweet corn, fresh ³	Cwt	-	-	-	23.10	33.00	31.70
Pears, fresh	Tons	-	-	-	496.00	521.00	620.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.291	0.289	0.434
Strawberries, fresh	Cwt	-	-	-	81.70	89.20	91.70
Livestock and livestock products ⁸							
Cows ⁴	Cwt	62.00	-	-	58.30	73.60	71.10
Steers and heifers	Cwt	94.00	-	-	98.10	115.00	113.00
Beef cattle ⁵	Cwt	91.10	-	-	93.50	111.00	110.00
Calves	Cwt	112.00	-	-	123.00	138.00	134.00
Lambs ⁶	Cwt	119.00	-	-	127.00	194.00	-
Sheep ⁶	Cwt	48.00	-	-	47.60	56.50	-
Milk, all ⁷	Cwt	17.60	23.50	23.70	16.70	21.90	22.00
Fat test percent	Pct	3.62	3.63	3.65	3.52	3.57	3.57
Eggs, all ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.789	0.880	1.140
Eggs, market ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.625	0.684	0.991

* Not published ¹ Most recent price is a mid-month price. ² Oregon not published monthly. ³ F.O.B. shipping point. ⁴ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ⁵ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. ⁶ Entire month. ⁷ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. ⁸ State level price received estimates for cattle and sheep discontinued after December 2010.

Index summary table

Indexes/Ratios	1910-14=100		1990-92=100	
	Aug 2010	Aug 2011	Aug 2010	Aug 2011
	United States			
Prices received	896	1,155	141	182
Prices paid	2,420	2,716	182	204
Ratio ¹	-	-	77	89
Parity Ratio ²	37	43	-	-

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

² Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100)

Feed price ratios: United States, August 2011

Feed price ratio ^{1 2}	2010	2011	
	Aug	Jul *	Aug
Broiler Feed	4.5	3.0	3.0
Market egg feed	6.9	4.9	7.0
Hog-corn	16.8	11.3	11.6
Milk-feed	2.36	1.92	1.89
Steer and heifer-corn	26.9	18.2	17.1
Turkey-feed	6.7	4.7	4.7

¹ Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current US prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

² Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.

* Revised.

Mushrooms

Data for Agaricus and All mushrooms have been updated since initial release.

Sales of the 2010-2011 United States mushroom crop totaled 862 million pounds, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Value of sales for the 2010-2011 United States mushroom crop is \$1.02 billion, up 10 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 282, is down 35 from last season. The average price is \$1.18 per pound, up 1 cent from a year ago.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2010-2011 totaled 50.1 million, up 27 percent from the 2009-2010 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and \$200 dollars or more in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.97, is up 41 cents from the previous season.

Agaricus mushroom volume of sales totaled 845 million pounds, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Pennsylvania accounted for 65 percent of the total volume of sales and second-ranked California contributed 14 percent. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$966 million dollars, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 137 million pounds, up 14 percent from last season. Brown mushrooms accounted for 16 percent of the total Agaricus volume sold and 20 percent of the total Agaricus value.

Specialty Mushrooms: Number of growers, total production, volume of sales, price and value of sales, by variety, United States, July 1, 2008-June 30, 2011

(Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and \$200 in sales)

Year and variety	Growers ¹	Total production ²	All sales		
			Volume of sales ³	Price per pound ⁴	Value of sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2008-2009					
Shiitake	166	9,715	9,458	3.19	30,146
Oyster	67	5,384	5,057	2.46	12,448
Other varieties	27	1,605	1,364	4.14	5,644
Total, U.S. ⁵	188	16,704	15,879	3.04	48,238
2009-2010					
Shiitake	185	6,684	6,417	2.75	17,650
Oyster	80	6,294	5,840	2.56	14,940
Other varieties	27	3,434	3,172	2.18	6,909
Total, U.S. ⁵	221	16,412	15,429	2.56	39,499
2010-2011					
Shiitake	152	6,702	6,420	2.99	19,223
Oyster	82	8,196	7,739	2.37	18,366
Other varieties	24	3,276	2,740	4.58	12,550
Total, U.S. ⁵	197	18,174	16,899	2.97	50,139

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Mushrooms released on August 19, 2011.

Agaricus Mushrooms: Area, sales, price, and value Western States and United States, July 1 - June 30, 2008-2011

Area and year	Area in production		Volume of sales	Price ¹ per pound	Value of sales
	Growing Area	Total Fillings			
	<i>1,000 square feet</i>	<i>1,000 square feet</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
California					
2008-2009	3,914	20,543	123,919	1.63	202,599
2009-2010	2,787	17,967	111,672	1.64	182,629
2010-2011	2,803	18,815	117,879	1.66	195,908
West Region ²					
2008-2009	6,383	27,080	159,594	1.61	256,704
2009-2010	5,278	23,883	146,425	1.61	235,506
2010-2011	5,593	25,039	151,434	1.64	247,716
United States					
2008-2009	27,608	134,533	803,896	1.13	910,658
2009-2010	26,592	129,268	777,064	1.14	884,390
2010-2011	26,986	133,586	844,893	1.14	966,117

¹ Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the point of first sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold.

² West region includes: CA, CO, HI, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Yield and dollars
per square foot of growing area, by state, region,
and United States, July 1, 2008-June 30, 2011**

State and region	Yield per square foot		
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Pennsylvania	6.49	6.48	6.70
East ¹	6.18	6.14	6.61
Central ²	4.86	5.05	5.11
California	6.03	6.22	6.27
Washington	11.12	11.32	10.85
West ³	5.89	6.13	6.05
US	5.98	6.01	6.32
	Dollars per square foot		
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Pennsylvania	5.71	5.68	5.95
East ¹	5.73	5.72	6.23
Central ²	8.24	8.72	8.89
California	9.86	10.16	10.41
Washington	18.64	19.16	17.91
West ³	9.48	9.86	9.89
US	6.77	6.84	7.23

¹ East: DE, FL, MD, NY, PA, and TN.

² Central: IL, MO, OK, TX, and WI.

³ West: CA, CO, HI, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Brown mushrooms (Portabello and Crimini):
Number of growers, sales, and value,
West Region and United States,
July 1, 2008-June 30, 2011 ¹**

Region and year	Growers	Volume of sales	Value
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 lbs</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
West Region ²			
2008-2009	15	19,673	43,131
2009-2010	15	22,445	48,550
2010-2011	16	25,872	57,841
United States			
2008-2009	49	111,061	155,411
2009-2010	51	120,306	168,050
2010-2011	52	137,239	192,701

¹ Brown mushrooms are part of Agaricus mushrooms.

² West region: CA, CO, HI, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

Cold Storage holdings, selected commodities, Jul 31, 2010 and Jul 31, 2011

Commodity	Pacific Region ¹			United States		
	Jul 31, 2010	Jul 31, 2011	2011/2010	Jul 31, 2010	Jul 31, 2011	2011/2010
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	Frozen fruit					
Blueberries	19,687	21,626	110	100,100	80,786	81
Blackberries	*	*	*	26,312	22,660	86
Raspberries, black	*	*	*	1,179	814	69
Raspberries, red	60,178	63,207	105	67,816	71,992	106
Strawberries	360,014	313,245	87	421,410	377,624	90
	Frozen vegetables					
Green beans, regular cut	57,612	51,346	89	109,413	94,666	87
Green beans, French style	10,513	7,048	67	18,208	12,422	68
Corn, cut	195,892	119,612	61	291,404	182,287	63
Corn, cob	69,833	74,051	106	100,184	91,761	92
Green peas	251,154	290,524	116	456,725	438,079	96
	Potatoes					
French fries	357,513	311,613	87	836,047	715,137	86
Other frozen potatoes	68,410	60,782	89	227,900	204,634	90

¹ Oregon, Washington, and California.

* Not published.

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